GRADUATE COUNCIL REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

DATE: December 2013
FROM: The Graduate School

The Graduate Council submits the following items from the **November 14, 2013** meeting for consideration.

Consent Items:

I.   Revise a Course Title
            FACS 575 Individual Study in Consumer and Family Sciences
            FACS 598 Special Topics in Consumer and Family Sciences

II.   Revise a Course Catalog Listing
            FACS 580 Internship
            MATH 417G Algebraic Systems

III.   Revise a Course Prerequisite/Corequisite
            ENG 408G Sociolinguistics and Psycholinguistics

IV.   Delete a Course
            MATH 475G Topics in Mathematics
            MATH 530 Mathematical Statistics
            MATH 560 Functional Analysis

Action Items:

I.   Create a New Course
            ECON 507 Data Methods in Economics

II.   Revise a Program
            149 Master of Science in Nursing
            172 Post-MSN Certificate - Nurse Educator
            0420 Post-MSN Certificate - Nurse Administrator
            0449 Post-MSN Certificate – Family Nurse Practitioner

College of Health and Human Services
Family and Consumer Sciences Department
Proposal to Revise Course Title
(Consent Item)

Contact Person: Jonghee Shim, jonghee.shim@wku.edu, 745-4613

1. **Identification of proposed course:**
   1.1   Course prefix and number: FACS 575
   1.2   Course title: Individual Study in Consumer and Family Sciences
   1.3   Credit Hours: 3

2. **Proposed course title:** Independent Study in Family and Consumer Sciences

3. **Proposed abbreviated course title:** INDEPENDENT STUDY IN FACS

4. **Rationale for the revision of course title:** To reflect the new department name in the course title.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2014

6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

Family and Consumer Sciences Department	9/13/2013
CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee	10/14/2013
Graduate Council	11/14/13
University Senate	

College of Health and Human Services
Family and Consumer Sciences Department
Proposal to Revise Course Title
(Consent Item)

Contact Person: Jonghee Shim, jonghee.shim@wku.edu, 745-4613

1.   **Identification of proposed course:**
       1.1   Course prefix and number: FACS 598
       1.2   Course title: Special Topics in Consumer and Family Sciences
       1.3   Credit Hours: 1-3

2. **Proposed course title:** Special Topics in Family and Consumer Sciences

3. **Proposed abbreviated course title:** SPECIAL TOPICS IN FACS

4. **Rationale for the revision of course title:** To reflect the new department name in the course title.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2014

6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

Family and Consumer Sciences Department	9/13/2013
CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee	10/14/2013
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University Senate	

College of Health and Human Services
Family and Consumer Sciences Department
Proposal to Revise Course Catalog Listing
(Consent Item)

Contact Person: Kathy Croxall, Kathy.croxall@wku.edu, 745-3997

1. **Identification of course:**
    1.1   Course prefix and number: FACS 580
    1.2   Course title: Internship

2. **Current course catalog listing:** Prerequisite: Approval of instructor. A field practicum in foods and nutrition, textiles and clothing, interior design, or home economics education. Assignments are made to approved private and public agencies/facilities.

3. **Proposed course catalog listing:** Field experience in a family and consumer sciences setting appropriate for the program the candidate is completing. Approval of advisor required.

4. **Rationale for revision of the course catalog listing:** this better describes the focus of the internships while allowing for the flexibility required by the diversity of the various programs within the FACS department. It reinforces that the internship must be in an appropriate setting and must meet with the approval of the advisor

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2014

6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

Family and Consumer Sciences Department	9/13/2013
CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee	10/14/2013
Graduate Council	11/14/13
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Ogden College
Department of Mathematics
Proposal to Revise Course Catalog Listing
(Consent Item)

Contact Person: Dominic Lanphier, 56233, dominic.lanphier@wku.edu

1. **Identification of course:**
    1.1 Course prefix (subject area) and number: Math 417G
    1.2 Course title: Algebraic Systems

2. **Current course catalog listing:** Theory of groups

3. **Proposed course catalog listing:**
    The theory of finite groups and related algebraic systems. Lagrange's Theorem, Sylow Theorems, and the structure of finite groups are studied. Applications of group theory to the study of algebraic problems and symmetry.

4. **Rationale for revision of the course catalog listing:**
    The old listing lacks sufficient detail and is inflexible in that subjects other than group theory may be covered. The new listing is more accurate for a senior and first-year graduate-level algebra course and allows for a more flexible list of topics to be covered.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:**
    Fall 2014

6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

Department of Mathematics	10/18/2013
Ogden College Graduate Curriculum Committee	10/25/2013
Professional Education Council (if applicable)	11/14/13
Graduate Council	
University Senate	
Provost	

Potter College of Arts & Letters
Department of English
Proposal to Revise Course Prerequisites/Corequisites
(Consent Item)

Contact Person: elizabeth.winkler@wku.edu   745-2415

1. **Identification of course:**
    1.1   Course prefix (subject area) and number: ENG 408G
    1.2   Course title: 408G Sociolinguistics and Psycholinguistics
    1.3   Credit hours: 3

2. **Current prerequisites:** ENG 200, ENG 407

3. **Proposed prerequisites/corequisites:** ENG 407G (prerequisite)

4. **Rationale for the revision of prerequisites/corequisites:**
    The inclusion of ENG 200 as a prerequisite and the lack of the 'G' designation for the prerequisite ENG 407
    were clerical missteps. As ENG 408G is a graduate course—and as the appropriate sequential prerequisite at that
    level is ENG 407G alone—we seek to correct that

5. **Effect on completion of major/minor sequence: None.**

6. **Proposed term for implementation: 201430**

7. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

    TESOL Committee   _____5/3/2013_____

    English Department   _____9/20/2013_____

    PCAL Curriculum Committee   _____10/10/2013_____

    Graduate Council   _____11/14/13_____

    University Senate   _____

Attachment: Course Inventory Form

Ogden College of Science and Engineering
Department of Mathematics
Proposal to Delete a Course
(Consent Item)

Contact Person: Claus Ernst, claus.ernst@wku.edu, 56224

1. **Identification of course:**
    1.1   Current course prefix (subject area) and number: MATH 475G
    1.2   Course title: Topics of Mathematics
    1.3   Credit hours: 3

2. **Rationale for the course deletion:** This course has not been offered in more than 5 years, and there are no plans to offer the course in the future.

3. **Effect of course deletion on programs or other departments, if known:** This course is not required in the mathematics master program and so its deletion will have no effect on program completion.

4. **Proposed term for implementation:** Spring, 2014

5. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

    Department of Mathematics: 2/15/2013

    OCSE Graduate Committee   10/25/2013

    Graduate Council   11/14/13

    University Senate   _____

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Ogden College of Science and Engineering
Department of Mathematics
Proposal to Delete a Course
(Consent Item)

Contact Person: Claus Ernst, claus.ernst@wku.edu, 56224

1. **Identification of course:**
      1.1   Current course prefix (subject area) and number: MATH 530
      1.2   Course title: Mathematical Statistics
      1.3   Credit hours: 3

2.   **Rationale for the course deletion:** This course has not been offered in more than 5 years, and there are no plans to offer the course in the future.

3.   **Effect of course deletion on programs or other departments, if known:** This course is not required in the mathematics master program and so its deletion will have no effect on program completion.

4. **Proposed term for implementation:** Spring, 2014

5. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

   Department of Mathematics: 2/15/2013

   OCSE Graduate Committee   10/25/2013

   Graduate Council   11/14/13

   University Senate   _____

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Ogden College of Science and Engineering
Department of Mathematics
Proposal to Delete a Course
(Consent Item)

Contact Person: Claus Ernst, claus.ernst@wku.edu, 56224

1. **Identification of course:**
    1.1   Current course prefix (subject area) and number: MATH 560
    1.2   Course title: Functional Analysis
    1.3   Credit hours: 3

2.   **Rationale for the course deletion:** This course has not been offered in more than 5 years, and there are no plans to offer the course in the future.

3.   **Effect of course deletion on programs or other departments, if known:** This course is not required in the mathematics master program and so its deletion will have no effect on program completion.

4. **Proposed term for implementation:** Spring, 2014

5. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

    Department of Mathematics: 2/15/2013

    OCSE Graduate Committee   10/25/2013

    Graduate Council   11/14/13

    University Senate   _____

Attachment: Course Inventory Form

Gordon Ford College of Business
Department of Economics
Proposal to Create a New Course
(Action Item)

Contact Person: Dr. Brian Goff, brian.goff@wku.edu, 745-3855

1. **Identification of proposed course:**
    1.1   Course prefix and number: ECON 507
    1.2   Course title: Data Methods in Economics
    1.3   Abbreviated course title: Data Methods in Economics
            (maximum of 30 characters or spaces)
    1.4   Credit hours: 3   Variable credit: No
    1.5   Grade type: Standard letter grade
    1.6   Prerequisites/Corequisites: ECON 465 (465G) and ECON 506 or instructor permission.
    1.7   Course description: Students develop skills in application of advanced econometric and related
            data analytic tools with use of current industry standard software such as SAS.

2. **Rationale:**
    2.1   Reason for developing the proposed course:
            Feedback from and job searches by alumni indicate that econometric skills combined with
            corresponding skills in programming relevant software such as SAS are very important to
            competing in the job market and advancing within organizations.
    2.2   Projected enrollment in the proposed course:
            12-20 students per year based on enrollment in the applied masters program.
    2.3   Relationship of the proposed course to courses now offered by the department:
            This course follows up on material covered in ECON 506 that introduces SAS programming in
            statistical contexts and with ECON 465G that introduces econometric applications.
    2.4   Relationship of the proposed course to courses offered in other departments:
            Although there are several data-oriented graduate courses taught at WKU (EDFN 603 Qualitative
            Research in Education, EDLD 722 Measurement and Survey Methods for Educational Leaders,
            PSY 505 Statistical Software for Behavioral Scientists, AGRI 491G Data Analysis/Interpretation,
            SOCL 514 Advanced Social Statistics, CS 565 Data Mining Techniques and Tools) , the proposed
            course is unique relative to other offerings. The topics covered in this course are specific to
            economic analysis and modeling. The course would offer complementary data skills to students
            with foundation statistical and programming skills in areas such as Business, Public Health or
            Education.

    2.5   Relationship of the proposed course to courses offered in other institutions:
            Applied masters programs at other institutions offer one or more courses that are cover similar
            material. For example, the applied economics masters at the University of Cincinnati offers Data
            Management and Analysis in SAS; UNC Greensboro offers Data Methods in Economics
            (Economics 725-01) ; SUNY Buffalo has Computational Econometrics (CO 582) as a part of

masters program in economics; SUNY Albany has Computer Applications in Economics (Eco 527) in its masters of economics program.

3.   Discussion of proposed course:
    3.1   Schedule type: L
    3.2   Learning Outcomes:

Students will learn how to import/export data from economic databases in variety formats into SAS and other statistical software, use real-time data from internet, automate data import/export tasks, create summary reports from data with publication-quality graphics, construct data queries from multiple data sources using multiple conditions, create interactive digital graphs. Students will study application of econometric techniques in variety of environments. Some of the examples of such applications include using Limited Dependent Variables for credit scoring, Monte Carlo simulations for financial planning, Survival Model analysis for credit default modeling.

    3.3   Content outline:

A. Data Issues in Econometric Applications
    a. Introduction to Common Software and Programming Languages: SAS, Stata, Gauss, R, SQL
    b. Accessing Microecnometric Data from Large Databases
    c. Data Cleaning
    d. Data Mining
    e. Data Visualization

B. Advanced Econometric Methods in SAS and Other Software
    a. Panel Data Applications
    b. Spatial Data Applications
    c. Survival Model Applications
    d. Monte Carlo Simulations
    e. Limited Dependent Variable Model Applications

    3.4   Student expectations and requirements:

Students will be evaluated by regular data-oriented assignments as well as tests.

    3.5   Tentative texts and course materials:

Delwiche, Laura and Susan Slaughter (2008), *The Little SAS Book: A Primer*,
    SAS Institute; 4th edition.
Mitchell, Michael (2010) *Data Management Using Stata: A Practical*
    Handbook, Stata Press, 1st edition.
SAS Institute (2012)*, Getting Started with SAS Enterprise Miner 12.*1, SAS
    Institute.
Schreier, Howard (2008)*, PROC SQL by Example: Using SQL within SAS,* SAS
    Institute.
Slaughter, Susan and Laura Delwiche (2010), *The Little SAS Book for*
    Enterprise Guide 4.2, SAS Institute; 1st edition.
Teetor, Paul (2011), *R Cookbook (O'Reilly Cookbooks),* O'Reilly Cookbooks.
 St. Louis Fed. Reserve Economic Database http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/
*Panel Study of Income Dynamics http://*psid*online.isr.umich.edu/*

4. Resources:

    4.1   Library resources: See Attached

    4.2   Computer resources:

              SAS is available to students on campus. Stata is available to students at reduced rates. Access to large databases is available through open access websites.

5. Budget implications:

    5.1   Proposed method of staffing:

              Current departmental faculty are sufficient through a reduction in the offering of other 500-level electives

    5.2   Special equipment needed: None

    5.3   Expendable materials needed: None

    5.4   Laboratory materials needed: None

6. Proposed term for implementation: Spring 2014

7. Dates of prior committee approvals:

Department/ Unit	8/23/13
GFCOB Graduate Council	9/18/13
Graduate Council	11/14/13
University Senate	

Proposal Date: September 4, 2013

College of Health and Human Services
School of Nursing
Proposal to Revise A Program
(Action Item)

Contact Person: Beverly Siegrist   beverly.siegrist@wku.edu   53490
1. **Identification of program:**
    1.1   Current program reference number: 149
    1.2   Current program title: Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
    1.3   Credit hours: 33-45

2. **Identification of the proposed program changes:** change admission criteria

3. **Detailed program description:**
    Current Program   **Proposed Program**

Current Admission Requirements	Proposed Admission Requirements
Applicants for the BSN to MSN program must meet the following requirements: 1. Completion of a CCNE or NLN accredited BSN program with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Graduates of non-accredited programs are considered on an individual basis. 2. Hold unencumbered or have applied for RN licensure in KY or compact state. 3. Applicants will be required to complete the GRE in the following instance: a. Less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA 4. One year of full-time nursing experience is required prior to enrolling (following acceptance) in clinical courses in the nurse practitioner option. 5. Submission of: a. A written goal statement responding to questions on the webpage b. 3 professional references on form provided to include a manager or nurse administrator, and a nursing faculty if a recent BSN graduate. c. A professional resume. 6. All program admission materials must be received prior to the due date noted on the webpage. As interview may be offered following a review of admission materials. Completion of an interview and acceptance by Graduate Studies does not assure acceptance into the MSN program. Admission is competitive.	Admission to the MSN program is competitive and limited to available space. Following initial review, if applicant meets minimum admission standards, consideration is given to the applicant's professional work experience, statement of professional and personal goals, and professional references. An Interview may be requested following a review of admission materials but does not assure acceptance into the program. Minimum Admission Standards: 1. Earned BSN degree from a nationally accredited nursing program. 2. Hold unencumbered or have applied for RN licensure in KY or compact state. 3. Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, 4. Applicants with a cumulative GPA of 2.75-2.99 in the BSN degree, will be considered for admission provided they have at least a 3.0 GPA in the last 60 hours of the BSN degree ; and have a satisfactory review of additional required admission materials (goal statement, resume, references); plus a positive interview. Admission if approved will be on a probationary status requiring that the student earn a minimum grade of B in each course in the first 12 hours of the program. 5. Psychiatric NP applicants must document at least one year of RN experience in psychiatric- mental health nursing before the start clinical courses in the program. Post-MSN FNP Certificate applicants must document a minimum of one year of RN experience prior to acceptance. Additional Required Application Materials: 6. A written goal statement, (500-700 words in length, 12 pt. font, in Microsoft Word or RTF) describing

7. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission. Applicants must reapply to be considered for the next admission cycle by updating the Graduate Studies application, and submitting all required program materials.	**your personal and professional career goals; your academic strengths and weaknesses; life modifications you will make to help you be successful in the program; and, your understanding of online or independent learning.** 7. Three professional references (on the form provided) – to include current nurse manager or administrator, and nurse faculty if a recent (<3 yrs) BSN graduate. 8. A professional resume. 9. All program admission materials must be received prior to the due date noted on the webpage. As interview may be offered following a review of admission materials. Completion of an interview and acceptance by Graduate School does not assure acceptance into the MSN program. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission. Applicants must reapply to be considered for the next admission cycle by updating the Graduate School application, and submitting all required program materials.

4. **Rationale for the proposed program change:** Current criteria do not accurately reflect admission of students admitted with a GPA below 3.0.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Summer 2014

6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

School of Nursing Graduate Committee   _9/4/2013_____

CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee   _10/14/2013_____

Graduate Council   _____11/14/13_____

University Senate   _____

College of Health and Human Services
School of Nursing
Proposal to Revise A Program
(Action Item)

Contact Person: Beverly Siegrist   beverly.siegrist@wku.edu   53490

1. **Identification of program:**
   1.1   Current program reference number: 172
   1.2   Current program title: Post-MSN Certificate- Nurse Educator
   1.3   Credit hours: 12

2. **Identification of the proposed program changes:** change general admission criteria to reflect specific requirements needed for admission to Post MSN Certificates in the School of Nursing.

3. **Detailed program description:**

Current Program	Proposed Program
Current Admission Requirements	New Admission Requirements

1. ~~Completion of a CCNE or NLN accredited BSN program with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Graduates of non-accredited programs are considered on an individual basis.~~
2. Hold unencumbered or have applied for RN licensure in KY or compact state.
3. ~~Applicants will be required to complete the GRE in the following instance:~~
   b. ~~Less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA~~
4. ~~One year of full-time nursing experience is required prior to enrolling (following acceptance) in clinical courses in the nurse practitioner option.~~
5. Submission of:
   d. A written goal statement responding to questions on the webpage
   e. 3 professional references on form provided to include a manager or nurse administrator, and a nursing faculty if a recent ~~BSN~~ graduate.
   f. A professional resume.
6. All program admission materials must be received prior to the due date noted on the webpage. As interview may be offered following a review of admission materials. Completion of an interview and acceptance by Graduate Studies does not assure acceptance into the MSN program. Admission is
	Admission to the Post MSN Certificate is competitive and limited to the availability of space, clinical sites, and clinical preceptors. Following initial review, if applicant meets minimum admission standards, consideration is given to the applicant's professional work experience, statement of professional and personal goals, and professional references. An Interview may be requested following a review of admission materials but does not assure acceptance into the program.
	Minimum Admission Standards:
	   1. **Earned MSN degree from a nationally accredited nursing program.**
	2. Hold unencumbered or have applied for RN licensure in KY or compact state.
	3. **Submission of official transcripts that document a cumulative MSN GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale,**
	4. **One year of full-time clinical experience as a registered nurse in a setting supporting primary care practice such as acute care, long term care, home health, etc.**
	
	   Additional Required Application Materials:
	5. **A written goal statement, (500-700 words in length, 12 pt. font, in Microsoft Word or RTF) describing your personal and professional career goals; your academic strengths and weaknesses; planned location of clinical practicum experiences and potential clinical preceptors; and role change anticipated following completion of certification.**
	6. Three professional references (on the form provided) – to include current nurse manager or administrator, and

competitive. 7. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission. Applicants must reapply to be considered for the next admission cycle by updating the Graduate Studies application, and submitting all required program materials.	nurse faculty if a recent (<3 **yrs**) <mark>MSN</mark> graduate. 7. A professional resume. <mark>8.</mark> All program admission materials must be received prior to the due date noted on the webpage. As interview may be offered following a review of admission materials. Completion of an interview and acceptance by Graduate School does not assure acceptance into <mark>**the certificate program**</mark>. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission. Applicants must reapply to be considered for the next admission cycle by updating the Graduate School application, and submitting all required program materials.

4. **Rationale for the proposed program change:** Current criteria do not accurately reflect admission of students to the Post-MSN Certificate programs. Criteria speak to BSN graduates only. This revision specifies requirements for applicants with earned MSN seeking a second specialty through the Post MSN Certificate option.

5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Summer 2014

6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

   School of Nursing Graduate Committee   _9/4/2013_____

   CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee   _10/14/2013_____

   Graduate Council   ____11/14/13_____

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Proposal Date: September 4, 2013

College of Health and Human Services
School of Nursing
Proposal to Revise A Program
(Action Item)

Contact Person: Beverly Siegrist   beverly.siegrist@wku.edu   53490

1. **Identification of program:**
    1.1   Current program reference number: 0420
    1.2   Current program title: Post-MSN Certificate- Nurse Administrator
    1.3   Credit hours: 19

2.   **Identification of the proposed program changes:** change general admission criteria to reflect specific requirements needed for admission to Post MSN Certificates in the School of Nursing.

3. **Detailed program description:**

Current Program	Proposed Program
Current Admission Requirements	Proposed Admission Requirements
1. Completion of a CCNE or NLN accredited BSN program with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Graduates of non-accredited programs are considered on an individual basis.	Admission to the Post MSN Certificate is competitive and limited to the availability of space, clinical sites, and clinical preceptors. Following initial review, if applicant meets minimum admission standards, consideration is given to the applicant's professional work experience, statement of professional and personal goals, and professional references. An Interview may be requested following a review of admission materials but does not assure acceptance into the program.
	Minimum Admission Standards:
2. Hold unencumbered or have applied for RN licensure in KY or compact state.	1. Earned MSN degree from a nationally accredited nursing program.
3. Applicants will be required to complete the GRE in the following instance:	2. Hold unencumbered or have applied for RN licensure in KY or compact state.
c. Less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA	3. **Submission of official transcripts that document a cumulative MSN GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale,**
4. One year of full-time nursing experience is required prior to enrolling (following acceptance) in clinical courses in the nurse practitioner option.	4. **One year of full-time clinical experience as a registered nurse in a setting supporting primary care practice such as acute care, long term care, home health, etc.**
5. Submission of:	**Additional Required Application Materials:**
g. A written goal statement responding to questions on the webpage	5. **A written goal statement, (500-700 words in length, 12 pt. font, in Microsoft Word or RTF) describing your personal and professional career goals; your academic strengths and weaknesses; planned location of clinical practicum experiences and potential clinical preceptors; and role change anticipated following completion of certification.**
h. 3 professional references on form provided to include a manager or nurse administrator, and a nursing faculty if a recent BSN graduate.	
i. A professional resume.	
6. All program admission materials must be received prior to the due date noted on the webpage. As interview may be offered following a review of admission materials. Completion of an interview and acceptance by Graduate Studies does not assure acceptance into the MSN program. Admission is competitive.	6. Three professional references (on the form provided) – to include current nurse manager or administrator, and nurse faculty if a recent (<3 **yrs**) MSN graduate.

7. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission. Applicants must reapply to be considered for the next admission cycle by updating the Graduate Studies application, and submitting all required program materials.	7. A professional resume. 8. All program admission materials must be received prior to the due date noted on the webpage. As interview may be offered following a review of admission materials. Completion of an interview and acceptance by Graduate School does not assure acceptance into **the certificate program**. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission. Applicants must reapply to be considered for the next admission cycle by updating the Graduate School application, and submitting all required program materials.

4. Rationale for the proposed program change: Current criteria do not accurately reflect admission of students to the Post-MSN Certificate programs. Criteria speak to BSN graduates only. This revision specifies requirements for applicants with earned MSN seeking a second specialty through the Post MSN Certificate option.

5. Proposed term for implementation: Summer 2014

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Graduate Council ____11/14/13_____

University Senate _____

College of Health and Human Services
School of Nursing
Proposal to Revise A Program
(Action Item)

Contact Person: Beverly Siegrist   beverly.siegrist@wku.edu   53490
1. **Identification of program:**
    1.1   Current program reference number: 0449
    1.2   Current program title: Post-MSN Certificate- Family Nurse Practitioner
    1.3   Credit hours: 12

2. **Identification of the proposed program changes:** change general admission criteria to reflect specific requirements needed for admission to Post MSN Certificates in the School of Nursing.

3. **Detailed program description:**

Current Program	Proposed Program
Current Admission Requirements	Proposed Admission Requirements

1. ~~Completion of a CCNE or NLN accredited BSN program with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Graduates of non-accredited programs are considered on an individual basis.~~
 	
2. Hold unencumbered or have applied for RN licensure in KY or compact state.
 	
3. ~~Applicants will be required to complete the GRE in the following instance:~~
   d. ~~Less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA~~
 	
4. ~~One year of full-time nursing experience is required prior to enrolling (following acceptance) in clinical courses in the nurse practitioner option.~~
 	
5. Submission of:
   j. A written goal statement responding to questions on the webpage
   k. 3 professional references on form provided to include a manager or nurse administrator, and a nursing faculty if a recent ~~BSN~~ graduate.
   l. A professional resume.
 	
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	   1. **Earned MSN degree from a nationally accredited nursing program.**
	   2. Hold unencumbered or have applied for RN licensure in KY or compact state.
	   3. **Submission of official transcripts that document a cumulative MSN GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale,**
	
	   4. **One year of full-time clinical experience as a registered nurse in a setting supporting primary care practice such as acute care, long term care, home health, etc.**
	
	   Additional Required Application Materials:
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	   7. A professional resume.

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5. Proposed term for implementation: Summer 2014

6. Dates of prior committee approvals:

School of Nursing Graduate Committee   _9/4/2013_____

CHHS Graduate Curriculum Committee   _10/14/2013_____

Graduate Council   ____11/14/13_____

University Senate   _____